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to the level even of some of those of his own rank of life." Perhaps this is the balancing of an account opened on some occasion in the past when Mr. DANA so far forgot himself as to treat the Clerk with less deference than that which he showed to the court.

As to the rest of the book, suffice it to say that there is in it (as is usually the case in collections of anecdotes) a mixture of the good and the bad, the new and the trite. Of course the author has several times fallen into the error—from which no writer of such a book can be secure—of crediting to a particular judge or lawyer of his acquaintance a witticism which in fact was the repetition of a witticism of the more distant past. But what he tells he tells well, and his pages will doubtless afford entertainment to those who have themselves seen and known the men of whom he writes—and who have, perhaps, themselves been actors in some of the scenes which he describes.

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AMERICAN ELECTRICAL CASES. Edited by WILLIAM W. MORRILL. Vol. II. Albany, N. Y.: Matthew Bender. 1895.

The second volume of *American Electrical Cases* contains over one hundred and fifty complete reports of cases decided between the years 1886–1889. In a "general note" there are memoranda of about twenty-five additional cases, which, for various reasons, were not selected for reprinting in full.

Several very excellent changes have been made in the arrangement of this volume. The cases are grouped together, as far as possible, with reference to their subject-matter, and are not arranged in chronological order as in volume one; and at the end of each syllabus is a list of the cases cited in the following opinion, which are reported in this series, with a reference to the volume and page where each may be found.

The very excellent form of index of volume one, which was in the nature of a short collection of annotations under appropriate headings, has been retained.

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